

OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT
Hermosa Creek Watershed Management Plan
San Juan National Forest, Columbine Ranger District
La Plata and San Juan Counties

The San Juan National Forest has prepared an Environmental Assessment and a Draft Decision Notice for the Hermosa Creek Watershed Management Plan. Forest Supervisor Kara Chadwick is the Responsible Official and it is her intention to select Alternative 2, the Proposed Action, which would authorize the adoption of the Hermosa Creek Watershed Management Plan. The decision will result in a Forest Plan amendment including: addition of watershed-specific Forest Plan components and allowable uses; alteration of mapped suitability for various uses and other mapped designations; adoption of a management plan for the Hermosa Creek Wilderness; and adoption of watershed-specific monitoring elements.

The EA and Draft Decision Notice are available on-line at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43010>. These documents are also available for review at the Columbine Ranger District Office at 367 Pearl Street, Bayfield, Colorado. For more information about the project contact Matt Janowiak or Cam Hooley at 970-884-2512.

This draft decision is subject to administrative review (objection) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 219 Subpart B. Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted substantive formal comments specific to the Hermosa Creek Management Plan during any opportunity for public comment. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via postal service, e-mail, express delivery, hand delivered, or messenger service to: Objection Reviewing Officer, US Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region, 1617 Cole Blvd. Building 17, Golden, CO 80401; email to r02admin_review@fs.fed.us; FAX to 303-275-5134; or hand-deliver Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Electronically mailed objections must be submitted in an email message, plain text (.txt), Word (.doc or .docx), Portable Document Format (.pdf), or Rich Text Format (.rtf) file formats. Incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §219.54(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to §219.56(c). All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the newspaper of record (*Durango Herald*). The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

At a minimum, objections must contain the following minimum content requirements (36 CFR 219.54(c)): 1) The objector's name and address, along with a telephone number, or email address if available; 2) a signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for email may be filed with the objection); 3) when multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request); 4) the name of the plan, plan amendment, or plan revision being objected to, and the name and title of the Responsible Official; and 5) a statement of the issues and/or the parts of the plan, plan amendment, or plan revision to which the objection applies; 6) a concise statement explaining the objection and suggesting how the proposed plan decision may be improved. If applicable, the objector should identify how the objector believes that the plan, plan amendment, or plan revision is inconsistent with law, regulation, or policy; and 7) a statement that demonstrates the link between prior substantive formal comments attributed to the objector and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the opportunities for formal comment.

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